

retaining the torque transmitting requirements. With the configuration of rim 20a shown in figure 2, the centrally disposed well 22a may be reduced or eliminated as preferred.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 16-18 with the following paragraphs:

Again the provision of the 10° and 12° ~~degree~~ bead seat angle facilitates assembly of the solid tire 12b on the two halves 60, 62 of the split rim 20b whilst retaining the enhanced torque transfer characteristics.

Although the invention has been described with reference to certain specific embodiments, various modifications thereof will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as outlined in the claims appended hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9-13 without prejudice.

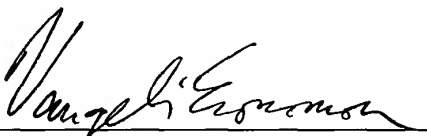
REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, Applicants render this divisional application in condition for prosecution. This divisional application specification was amended as in the parent application, Serial No. 09/394,776, and the reference to related applications has been updated. Claims 9-13, prosecuted in the parent application to allowance, have been cancelled herein.

Claims 1-8 remain pending and speedy examination thereof is respectfully requested.

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